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# letters

## HOLVEY RECALL AN ABUSE OF THE SYSTEM

I've had the opportunity to work alongside Paul Holvey in the Oregon House for the last six and a half years, including as a member of the Business and Labor Committee that he chairs. Paul is an honest and hardworking voice for Lane County, and, without a doubt, he's one of the strongest allies for workers in the Capitol. A retired union carpenter, Paul has championed legislation that created paid sick time and paid family leave, increased the minimum wage, ensured agricultural workers are eligible for overtime and expanded the use of apprenticeships in this state.

So, like many in our community, I was shocked when I learned that UFCW is attempting to recall Holvey — it's honestly one of the most inexplicable things I've ever experienced during my time in the legislature. To date, UFCW has spent over \$100,000 of their members' hard-earned money gathering signatures for the recall effort.

Frankly, I believe this is an abuse of Oregon's recall system. A recall should be reserved for egregious cases of an elected official acting illegally or unethically. Paul won re-election with 85 percent of the vote just nine months ago, and voters

will weigh in on this seat again next year. If this recall succeeds, the conservative Lane County Commission will appoint the next state representative for House District 8, not voters. I ask HD 8 voters to say "no" to this recall by declining to sign the recall petition — and, should this make it to the ballot, to please vote "no."

Rep. Julie Fahey  
House Majority Leader

## 'NATURAL' GAS IS DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH

At a recent leadership conference of the American Academy of Pediatrics, doctors proposed a resolution on children's health and the use of "natural" gas indoors. It notes "concerns going back almost a century to support caution in the use of natural gas, with recent studies attributing significant pediatric asthma and lung disease risk to gas stove use." In the fourth edition of the *Pediatric Environmental Health* (2019), pediatric health professionals wrote that "During the winter, average indoor concentrations of nitrogen dioxide in homes with gas cooking stoves are as much as twice as high as outdoor levels."

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I'm grateful our City Council is committed to turning off the methane gas spigot. As the council develops a residential gas ordinance that can withstand the inevitable court challenges from the gas industry, let's remember that past regulations to prevent exposure to asbestos, lead paint and second-hand smoke were adopted despite industry's protestations. Local governments, including Eugene, are doing the right thing to phase out the use of methane gas appliances.

Lisa Arkin  
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If kids don't have standing in climate cases, who does? They are the ones

who will live in the world of climate chaos we have bequeathed to them. Montana's government lawyers will appeal this decision and the fossil fuel fossils will fuel Montana's politicians with outrageous sums of money to write legislation around it, so the fight will be long and hard — perhaps too long and hard for our planet to make it in the end. But for this moment, victory!

Benton Elliott  
Eugene

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The Eugene Emeralds have a storied history in our community dating back to 1955. The Ems are woven into the cultural fabric of our city. It's hard to imagine life in Eugene without the Ems, but unless the Lane County Commission and the city of Eugene support a new stadium, that is the future we face.

PK Park, our home since 2010, no longer works following Major League Baseball's decision to upgrade the Emeralds from Short-Season to High-A Professional Baseball. This new and much more competitive level of baseball comes with an expanded playing season from 38 to 66 home games, creating a major scheduling conflict with the university. The Emeralds cannot be accommodated at PK Park.

Now the Ems face an existential crisis: Without a new facility, the Emeralds will no longer exist, leaving thousands of fans with nothing but fond memories and depriving Eugene's future kids the chance to make their own.

Much has been made about the potential price tag of a new stadium, but losing the Emeralds comes with its own set of costs, from lost jobs to loss of the team's significant charitable contributions. When assessing the worth of investing in a stadium, we also can't ignore the return-on-investment taxpayers can expect to receive from their continued investment in the Emeralds.

## ***The Eugene Emeralds have a storied history in our community dating back to 1955.***

ECONorthwest, an economic consulting firm, conducted an in-depth study to evaluate the economic impact of the proposed new stadium, finding that a new stadium will generate significant economic benefits for Lane County. The construction of the facility alone is expected to infuse \$75.9 million in economic output and create over 500 full-year equivalent jobs.

Once operational, the stadium will attract baseball fans and concertgoers, injecting an estimated \$31.68 million in economic output and supporting nearly 300 full-year equivalent jobs, annually.

Moreover, the study predicts significant "spillover" benefits for local hotels and businesses. The new stadium's ability to host a variety of events, including both Ems and non-Ems competitive baseball games and concerts, will draw visitors to our city. This influx of visitors translates to 20,771 more hotel room nights and more than \$4.1 million in hotel room revenues within our region annually, contributing to the overall vibrancy of our local economy.

In the grand scheme of things, the stadium will be more than a mere sports facility. It's a catalyst for economic growth, a generator of local jobs, a stimulus for community engagement and a critical community development asset. This stadium isn't just about the Emeralds; it's about our local community and what we want our city's future to look like.

In his recent op-ed, Richard Boyles, a hotel owner and industry representative, shared his reservations about the proposed Ems Stadium, but if you read his words closely, you'll find that he agrees with the value of having a stadium. He just prefers it be built for track and field. We mustn't fall victim to the trap of believing we are only deserving of one great opportunity and ultimately fighting amongst ourselves with the end result being obtaining neither one.

If you agree that losing the Emeralds is bad for our community, make your voice heard. Contact your city councilor and your Lane County commissioner and tell them to Save Our Ems! ■

Allan Benavides is general manager of the Eugene Emeralds. Throughout his tenure, the Ems have garnered numerous national awards for their business excellence, marketing and promotions, as well as their exceptional year-round community involvement. His endeavors have been directed towards community building and development of a world-class community asset that will be advantageous for generations to come. To learn more, visit [SaveOurEms.com](http://SaveOurEms.com).

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Upon participation in this study, subjects will be compensated for their time up to \$135.

# Stuck in a Cycle

EUGENE AND LANE COUNTY NEED TO HELP THE UNHOUSED DURING HOT WEATHER EMERGENCIES. INSTEAD THEY KEEP 'SWEEPING' CAMPS.

By Camilla Mortensen

**P**aula has been without a home for nine years. A former wildlife firefighter who became chronically homeless after her house burned and her son died, she says, "I thought I was only homeless for a couple weeks, but I'm stuck in this cycle I cannot get out of."

She asked to go by Paula due the dangers of being homeless. She says she's known among fellow homeless folks and others in the community as someone who takes care of her campsite as well as homeless youth who she feeds and to whom she tries to impart job skills and even just basic table manners.

But none of that mattered when, she says, Eugene police officers came through and "swept" her camp by the railroad tracks off Railroad Boulevard on August 17 as Lane County was dealing with a heat wave and smoke impacts from wildfires.

Local advocates for the unhoused were made aware of the sweeps — some of which were occurring on days with temperatures above 100 degrees and days with an Air Quality Index (AQI) ranging into unhealthy levels — and began to request the city take a pause. Advocates included city and county officials, and journalists in an email discussion.

Bridgette Butler of Black Thistle Street Aid writes that people from Paula's site told them of an impending sweep and "that site has medically fragile elders and another person with a debilitating injury." She writes, "To force anyone out from under their shade structures and into the heat is an act of cruelty and completely inhumane."

Kelly McIver, communications manager for the city's unhoused response, addressed the calls for a halt in moving

campers and offered a response from officials on behalf of the city, saying, "City staff will not deliver new 72-hour camp removal postings during the heat advisory period, and will not enforce removal of pre-existing posted locations during the advisory period." And the Eugene city manager's office writes, "We have had a number of conversations with Lane County Public Health (LCPH) this week, including with Dr. Patrick Luedtke, the county's senior public health officer, to explore the potential for LCPH to provide science-based recommendations to help inform changes to our 72-hour camp posting and removal operations during extreme weather and air quality events."

Butler requested that the city issue a statement saying it would not sweep camps during extreme weather or smoke events.

Attorney Heather Marek of Oregon Law Center says the city doesn't provide 72-hour notice in parks and open spaces because the city doesn't think it's required there, which is "a chunk of places people actually reside." People experiencing homelessness, she says, by virtue of having nowhere to go, sometimes can't avoid breaking park rules by doing things they need to survive in extreme conditions like putting up a tarp or tent for protection, or sheltering in place even after park hours.

She says the "consequences and trauma that I have seen" when camps are swept "leaves people very vulnerable and can compromise health and safety."

Marek has "clients who have lost medication and had medical emergencies as a result. They have had medicine or medical related items taken, clothing and other things they are using to stay safe."

Brittany Raine of CORE (Community Outreach through Radical Empowerment) says that city swimming pools have closed when the AQI exceeds 150, meaning the air is unhealthy to breathe. "If they have that rating, why don't we have a rating for camps?"

She adds, "If Eugene is going to call itself a city, it needs to act like a fucking city — cities mobilize and have emergency response protocols in place."

James Ewell, encampment focused outreach coordinator for Lane County Human Services, points out in the email thread that there is precedent "being set in Portland regarding ceasing sweeps and actually using the crews that normally are used for encampment sweeps to provide water, cooling supplies and referrals to indoor respite."

He writes, "From a street outreach perspective, not only are sweeps in these dangerous temperatures and smoke conditions potentially deadly for residents, it also makes it incredibly difficult for street outreach teams to maintain contact with the vulnerable clients they are

trying to serve and connect to indoor shelters and respite."

Ewell is speaking as a liaison between government agencies and outreach providers, not making an overall statement from the county, says Jason Davis, Lane County Human Services public information officer. That said, Davis says what people once thought of as periodic "heat events" are going to be "Eugene summer weather," and the LCPH needs to give clear guidance to all agencies by way of clear thresholds.

The piece the county needs "to own and improve on," he says, is making sure that during heat events, extreme weather or other emergencies, government agencies are acting on very clear thresholds for decision making. "We need to make sure it needs to be done this year so everyone is on the same page," he says, adding that a response matrix is currently in draft form.

Raine says, "We can't find people because even though we work with young folks, who are more likely to have access to technology, if these items are lost or thrown away during a sweep they might not have access to their appointments or communicating with us." She adds, "Out of the multiple states I have worked in, I have never seen anyone go through tents like they do here." Eugene goes through a lot of tents because they are taken away, or even slashed during sweeps, she says.

Paula says she has seen tents slashed and in this last sweep she lost her stove, food, socks, shoes and a portable shower that was also used by homeless youth to wash hands before eating. "When they sweep my camp, it affects everything," she says, including her ability to be clean and get a job.

Paula says she had taken her son's ashes and had them pressed into a locket that was the last thing he gave her before he died, and it is now gone.

McIver says he has heard from the police that the ashes have been returned to Paula, and "I believe other property was stored as usual," but *Eugene Weekly* was unable to reach Paula, who remains homeless in the smoke, before press time to confirm.

"In Eugene," Paula says, "average people don't understand that it's not the homeless that are the problem. It's the system."

She continues, "There's a lot of us out here. And more coming every day, more elderly. These people should be in a program or home somewhere being taken care of. These are human beings — we are all somebody's mother's children, part of a family somewhere." ■

Find out more about CORE Eugene at [CoreEugene.org](http://CoreEugene.org) and Black Thistle Street Aid at [BlackThistleStreetAid.org](http://BlackThistleStreetAid.org). Oregon Law Center is at [OregonLawCenter.org](http://OregonLawCenter.org).

# Political Attacks

UFCW 555 CANVASSER ALLEGES ASSAULT WHILE WORKING ON CONTENTIOUS HOLVEY RECALL CAMPAIGN

By Eliza Aronson

**A** canvasser alleges they were assaulted August 10 while collecting signatures in the Whiteaker neighborhood for the Rep. Paul Holvey recall campaign being financed by United Food & Commercial Workers union Local 555.

The recall campaign has been

controversial, as UFCW 555 — and no other unions — is seeking to get signatures to recall the popular labor politician. The recall campaign says that Holvey "killed" a bill that would have protected workers' organizing rights. Holvey says, "UFCW continues to misrepresent, smear and lie because they are mad a bill of theirs did not pass." And the allegation that he killed the bill "is not accurate," he says. "Due to the lateness of receiving the bill language from proponents and committee deadlines, I acted to keep the bill alive by sending it to the Rules Committee for further discussion."

The bill sought unionization for cannabis workers. Cannabis is legal in Oregon but not federally, and Holvey sought clarity on whether the protections and prohibitions under the National Labor Relations Act applied generally to employers and employees in the cannabis industry. UFCW 555 and its lobbyist, Mike Selvaggio, who is pushing for the recall, were supporters of the bill.

Some canvassers have garnered signatures by asking if voters want to "support grocery store workers" or by saying Holvey was anti-cannabis.

Niko Moran and Xochitl Lemus, who are both trans and genderqueer people of color, were collecting signatures on the street when Moran says a man who was with two women

stopped and questioned them about the campaign. Later, after Moran and Lemus had moved on and were knocking at the East Blair Housing Cooperative, Moran says that the man came out of one of the doors, yelling belligerently at the two canvassers and coming up to Moran.

He "came at me shirtless, yelling at me, cornering me into the woman's house that was in front of me, basically forcing me to have to step foot in her household in order to kind of back off," Moran tells *Eugene Weekly*. Then, Moran alleges, while they attempted to assert personal boundaries, the man hit him/them.

The two filed a police report, and Eugene police say an investigation is underway.

Moran says that while the altercation was happening, multiple people in the co-op came out and watched, staying silent while Moran was being assaulted. Moran says the man was a Holvey supporter, and that the man kept yelling at people to not sign the recall petition and refusing to sign the petition himself.

"We're just two brown trans people trying to make a living out here campaigning because this job pays really freaking well," Moran says. "And we do very much believe in this campaign. He's trying to stop that, and on top of that, put our lives in danger."

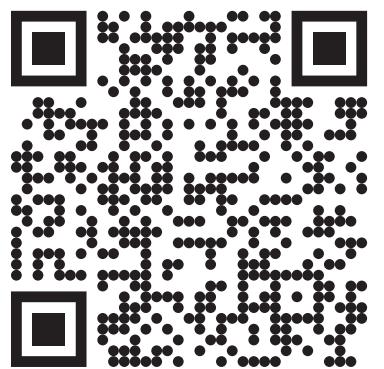


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A person who lives in the co-op who witnessed some of the situation, and asked to remain anonymous due to the tension of the situation, tells *EW*, Moran was “saying that they’re a trans person of color, basically implying that it was a hate crime, or that [he] was coming after them because of that. And I don’t think that was the case, [he] was upset that they were getting people to sign something to get someone recalled, but they were portraying it as something else.”

Afterward, Moran and Lemus called Joe Emmons, owner of Osprey Field Services, and filed a police report. Emmons gave the two a few days off paid leave to recover from the situation.

“Co-ops are supposed to be all community oriented. And then they actually had no idea how to be a commu-

nity,” Moran says, continuing to emphasize that they were disappointed about how the bystanders did not step in to deescalate the situation.

Moran and Lemus posted a GoFundMe in late June asking for help raising money for martial arts lessons for self-defense and to help save up to move to Los Angeles. They write, “We are constantly positioned in sites of colonial violence; we are habitually hate-crimed, have nearly no financial familial support nor a community of friends, and fear for our safety when alone.”

Eugene Police Department spokesperson Melinda McLaughlin says that EPD has “taken a report and are investigating an incident that occurred when someone was politically canvassing. Because of where the detectives are in the investigation, we can’t release more right now.”

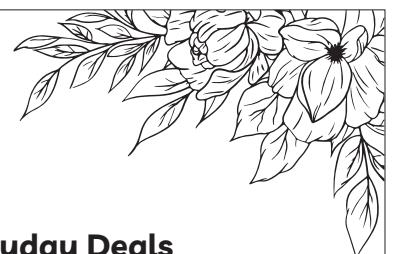
Emmons and UFCW, who took out a full-page ad in *EW* blaming Holvey for instigating the attack, declined to comment, as did Selvaggio.

Holvey says, “First and foremost, I hope the canvasser is OK, and is taking the time they need to recover. Prior to the letter sent out by UFCW, I had no knowledge of the alleged assault, and if it happened as described, I am appalled. As for the rest of the letter, I can say their claims regarding my legislative record and actions are categorically false.”

As of August 21, the Oregon Secretary of State’s office reports that 3,939 unverified signatures were turned in. To trigger a recall election, 4,598 valid signatures are needed. Because the recall group already collected 2,610 valid signatures, they will need 1,988 signatures to be valid. ■



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# slant

**Eugene, Oregon, is about to become a city of more than 170,000 people without an emergency room.** Peace-Health announced the impending closure of its University District hospital, including the ER, in a press release touting its RiverBend ER as "less than six miles away," but neglecting to mention that much of Eugene has to cross a major river and highway to access it — not ideal in a major weather event or earthquake. One hundred and eleven nurses working at University District face an uncertain future, and University of Oregon students, many of whom don't have vehicles, now face an additional barrier to getting help in an emergency. We also wonder about the effects on services like CAHOOTS that contract with Eugene to bring folks in need to an ER that's now in another city.

- We wrote about Breakfast Brigade's efforts to feed the hungry in Washington Jefferson Park in our July 13 issue.** The group dealt with being told it couldn't get a permit and threats of citations and arrest. Good news for those trying to do good work for those in need: The city and the Brigade met, and Breakfast Brigade can now serve food with a permit at Washington and 5th, under the overpass. Read about it at EugeneWeekly.com in our *EW Extra*.

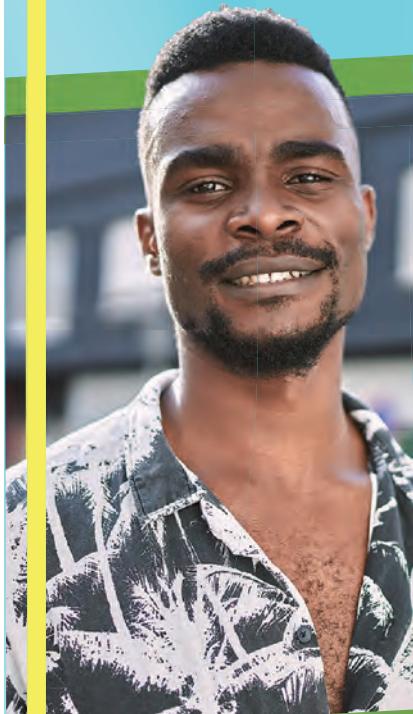
- It's easy to see why we slip into watching sports when it's hot out there and the air is terrible.** Last weekend there was Lionel Messi, one of the greatest all-time soccer players, lifting Inter Miami FC, the Spanish women soccer team defeating England, and, of course, the Seattle Mariners baseball team edging to the playoffs. Hold on — University of Oregon football, with all its glory and its controversies, is just ahead.

- Speaking of sports. **The Ems stadium debate continues, and the Lane County Commission is discussing moving the Glenwood Transfer Station** — or what folks tend to call "the dump" but is really where folks dump trash and recycling before it's transferred to the actual dump, Short Mountain Landfill near Goshen. Lane County Commissioners voted 3-2 on August 22 to study the feasibility and cost of building a mixed waste processing facility in Goshen. And what will go in Glenwood? We told you this was about sports! Folks are still discussing an indoor track.

- Sunday, August 27 is National Cinema Day!** Yeah, we know everything has its "day" now (Sunday is also "World Rock Paper Scissors Day"). But Cinema Day is being celebrated with \$4 movie tickets! AMC, Regal, Metro Cinemas and Art House are all participating. Guess we need to go see *Barbie* now.

- Lane County Human Services has partnered with First Christian Church of Eugene's Helping Hearts Program and CAHOOTS to create a stockpile of supplies to help the unhoused and unsheltered survive summer heatwaves. They need everything from water bottles/jugs (disposable and reusable) to "goo" filled bandanas to light clothing. Donations can go to First Christian Church's Helping Hearts Program, 1166 Oak Street, 10 am to 2 pm Monday through Friday and at Harlequin Beads and Jewelry 11 am to 6 pm Saturdays 2833 Willamette. You are also welcome to drop off donations at *Eugene Weekly* Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm at 1251 Lincoln Street. Items can also be purchased on Amazon and sent to First Christian Church at 1166 Oak St. Eugene OR 97402. Find a full list of items in Slant online at EugeneWeekly.com

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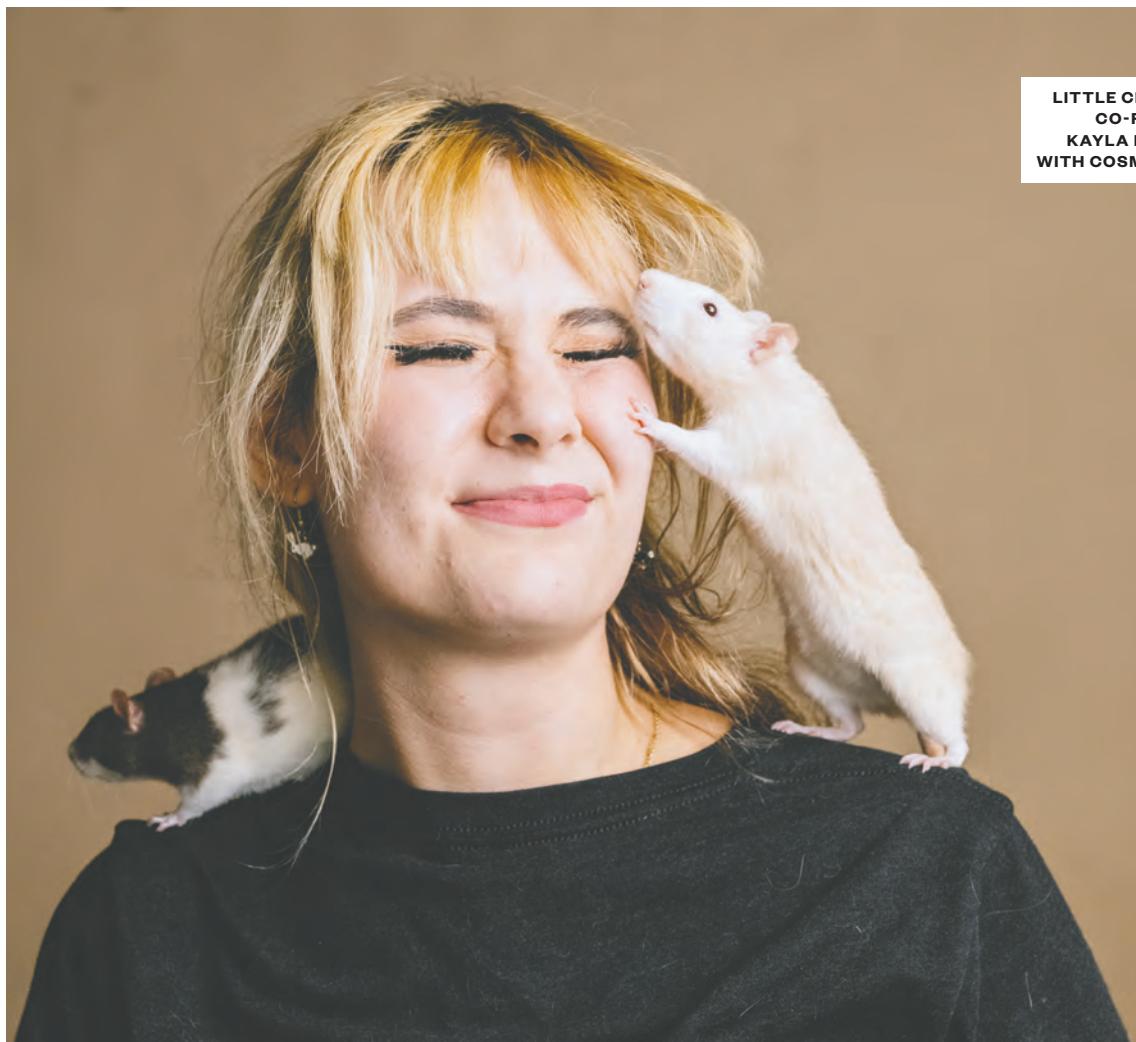
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# 'Little Shooting Stars'

**EUGENE'S LITTLE CRITTER CREW TAKES CARE OF OUR SMALLEST ANIMAL COMPANIONS, MANY ABANDONED BY THEIR OWNERS AFTER THE LOCKDOWN** *By Bob Keefer*

**E**ugene's Little Critter Crew got its start as an animal rescue group in early 2020, just a whisker ahead of COVID. What that meant, co-founder Kayla Hernandez says, is that while they knew they had to hit the ground running, they didn't realize they would be sprinting within two years.

"We were already in a crisis of unwanted pets before the pandemic," Hernandez explains. Then, as COVID locked everyone down, people bought small pets, from mice to gerbils, so they could find solace with their new pets. And then vaccines came, and people emerged from lockdown. "As soon as people went back to work, they didn't want those animals anymore."

As its name suggests, Little Critter Crew specializes in a type of pet often overlooked — very small animals. The nonprofit comprises a tiny Noah's Ark of unwanted mice, rats, chinchillas, sugar gliders, gerbils, hamsters, rabbits and hedgehogs.

In its first year of operation, the rescue organization — which has no facility beyond 32 volunteers' homes — took in about 150 pocket pets, finding foster homes or permanent homes for them all. In more recent years that number has grown to 400 to 500 a year, Hernandez says. The Critter Crew was providing foster homes to 112 animals as of August 21, she says.

The morning I meet Hernandez and two of her fellow rescuers, they are setting up a table at McKenzie Feed & Pet Supplies in east Springfield. There, once a month, they offer free nail clipping for tiny animals — really, can you imagine giving a mouse a manicure? — as well as getting the word out about how to go about adopting any of the rescued animals.



WALLY THE MOUSE

There, I meet a white rabbit named Aspen and a pair of very friendly rats named Mumu and Iris. Mumu is a hairless rat, which means her skin is the color of a packaged chicken breast you might find in the poultry section at Safeway, though when you pet her you discover she actually feels lush, warm and satiny.

Aspen is hanging out on the floor inside a wire pen, which she assiduously tests by nudging the wire with her pink nose. "Rabbits can be kind of high maintenance," Hernandez explains when my first attempt to pet Aspen is rebuffed. "They are very social. But she is going through that angry toddler phase." Not for long, as it turns out; Aspen suddenly lets me scratch the back of her head and neck, and I bury my fingertips in deliciously soft fur.

"They are even litter trainable," adds volunteer Victoria Nichelle. Her history with animals goes something like this: "In the beginning I started with a bunny. And then I went to hamsters. And then I fostered some mice and fell in love...."

At home she has three mice — "two girls and a boy" — that live in two cages, separated by sex. "My mice beg for food when I walk by the cage," she says. "Some mice like being held. Others, not so much. Even the ones who aren't super handleable are a blast to watch. I call it 'Mouse TV.'"

Another advantage to mice, Nichelle says, is their pure simplicity. "Out of all the species we work with, mice are the easiest."

In the midst of our conversation, Katie Ayers walks in, along with three guinea pigs, Otis, Franz and Frederick. The three need their claws trimmed. Nichelle sits down and takes them into her lap one at a time for the pedicure, which she accomplishes deftly, despite Otis' occasional half-hearted squirms, using a tiny pair of scissors.

Meanwhile, Ayers explains the three animals' backgrounds. "They're all from different rescues," she says. "Franz is from Albany. Otis is from Eugene. And Frederick was a near-death rescue." He was found abandoned in

a parking lot, she says. (They were not rescued by Little Critter Crew, which does not have space for guinea pigs.)

A hamster Little Critter Crew is taking care of was found running loose on a passenger train in Eugene. Its name is now Amtrak.

Not every animal fully recovers from being abandoned or harmed by a heartless owner. "We have a lot of sanctuary animals, mostly not adoptable," Hernandez says. "It takes a special person to handle an animal that is trying to lunge at you and bite you."

Little Critter Crew encourages people in search of small friendly companions to adopt a rescued pet from their population. Applicants are screened via a questionnaire, and fees run from \$5 for a mouse to \$100 for a spayed, vaccinated and microchipped bunny.

The organization is careful not to supply aspiring animal breeders. "We are looking for homes that will never attempt to breed any animals or put any animals adopted from us into situations where they can produce offspring (including any time where they can touch the opposite gender, even through the cage)," its website warns. "We have no known genetic background on these animals and allowing them to reproduce could be catastrophic for them or their offspring."

Back at the pet store, a third volunteer, Karen Debraal, has been involved with animals for most of her life. She started out working as a zookeeper and vet tech at the Los Angeles Zoo years ago, when that institution had a seedy reputation for its treatment of animals. After four years on the job, she says, she quit in disgust. She has since lived in Santa Cruz, where she worked rescuing rabbits and got an acupuncture degree, and in Santa Fe, New Mexico, where she worked at the humane society.



She and her husband came to Eugene 17 years ago, along with their five dogs and six cats.

Today she has one small dog, one elderly cat, one rabbit, one chinchilla, one mouse, two gerbils and two hamsters at home in Eugene. The rabbit free-roams the house, while the hamsters — who need a lot of "floor time," as she calls it — have a room to themselves, which she calls "Hamsterdam."

She's come to love small animals deeply, despite the

fact their lives are often brief. The smallest of the small, the hamsters and gerbils and mice, might live only a year or three.

"To have such a tiny creature come to trust you is wonderful," she says. "They are so ephemeral. They don't last long. But they are so bright, like little shooting stars." ■

*For more information about Little Critter Crew and its services, go to [LittleCritterCrew.org](http://LittleCritterCrew.org), where you can also find details on fostering and adopting animals.*

# Most Spiders Don't Bite

**YOU'RE PROBABLY GASLIGHTING YOURSELF INTO THINKING THAT ITCHY BUMP IS A SPIDER BITE** **By Eliza Aronson**

In the summer and early fall, people begin to see more spiders as they spend more time outside, open house windows and explore the Oregon outdoors. And often, as we get bitten up from who knows what, we blame creepy crawlly spiders. I have complained to my mom about the very itchy and annoying bug bites that have plagued me (she always tells me I would not survive living on the East Coast), saying it must've been a spider because there is no way a mosquito could cause so much suffering.

But I guess, somehow, I was wrong.

Hobo spiders, which are common in Oregon, are the most active between June and September, when males are looking for females to mate with. But they very, very rarely bite humans, and, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, their venom is not considered toxic to humans. University of California's state-wide integrated pest management program has done studies that show that injection of the hobo's venom into animal skin does not lead to any reactions.

The other spiders that folks think bite them are brown recluses, but "despite popular belief, they are not in Oregon," says Greta Binford, a biology professor at Lewis and Clark College, whose research focuses on spider biodiversity and venom. "They're in

my lab, mind you, but other than that they're not found in Oregon."

However, black widows are found in Oregon, with their range being in the southern and eastern parts of the

state. Black widows are one of the two spiders in North America that can harm humans, brown recluses being the other. Their venom contains neurotoxins, which affect the brain and turn on neuromuscular junctions.

The venom "opens up the communication between nerves and muscles, and doesn't shut it off," Binford says. "And that turns out to be really painful. It causes intense cramping that lasts for about 24 hours-ish.

And that's when it goes away. And that's pretty much it."

Personally, as a child, I thought black widows were at the top of the list of threats to life, right next to quicksand and the Bermuda Triangle. Once again, I guess I'm wrong.

Binford says that as an arachnologist, Oregon is an incredibly exciting place to be, because we still have old-growth forests, and there are still species being discovered. She just discovered a species in the Columbia River Gorge but has yet to name it.

"It's wonderfully humbling to realize that with so many things, like spiders, in our backyards, just by sitting and watching them carefully, you can discover new things," she says. "There are so many species and so few people asking questions and taking the time to look carefully at them, that that discovery awaits." ■



Illustration by Chelsea Lovejoy



It's been a labor of love on behalf of dogs these past nine years, and now Northwest Dog Project wants to celebrate its work and the canines. **"Market for Mutts"** at Viking Brewing Company is a chance to learn more about NWDP and support the nonprofit at its merchandise table. There will be a raffle and silent auction, as well as a wide array of vintage vendors and artisans. A percentage of the proceeds from the vendor and artisan sales goes to NWDP. Want to bring your dog? NWDP has you covered with a special doggie tent where there will be kiddie pools and pup snow cones. If your dog is not fond of crowds, bring a photo of your furry friend to share. Music will be provided by Cherry Hill, Bake Club and Holy Smokes. Cocktails are named for some group's beloved rescues, many of them pit bull-type dogs who were Instagram-famous, like Bendixon (bourbon, marionberry and fresh-brewed tea) and Large Marge (tequila, passionfruit and fresh citrus). A dollar from each cocktail supports rescue dogs. NWDP rescues, rehomes and enhances the lives of neglected, abused and homeless dogs while advocating for responsible pet ownership. It also welcomes medically challenged dogs and provides a nurturing sanctuary for senior dogs who have been abandoned.

*Market for Mutts, a nine-year anniversary benefit for Northwest Dog Project, is 2pm to 10pm Saturday, August 26 at Viking Brewing Company, 520 Commercial Street, unit F. FREE admission. —Dan Buckwalter*

## THURSDAY

AUGUST 24

### ARTS/CRAFTS

Paint & Sip — Fairy Forest (Art w/ Alejandro), 7-9pm, 246 E. 5th Ave., ste. 22. \$45

### COMEDY

Wild Ones: A curated comedy open mic, 8pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, WildCraft Cider Works, 232 Lincoln St. FREE.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Monroe Farmers Market, 4-7pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, Monroe High School, 365 N. 5th St., Monroe.

Lane County Farmers Market: Night Markets, 6-10pm, Farmers Market Pavilion, 85 E. 8th Ave. (Rescheduled from Aug. 17).

### GATHERINGS

Queer, Trans & Disability Group, 6-7pm today & Thu., Aug. 31. Email Info@TransponderCommunity for link.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Summer Reading Program thru Aug., all Eugene Public Library locations. FREE.

Bilingual StoryWalks, all day thru Aug., Acorn Park, 1501 Buck St. & Gilbert Park, 2311 W. Irwin Way. FREE.

Tiny Human Survival Training: Support group for expecting & new parents, 6-7pm, Nurturely, 56 E. 15th Ave. FREE.

### MARKETS

UO Surplus Reuse Sale, 3-7pm today, Tue., Wed. & Thu., Aug. 31, Romania Bldg., 2020 Franklin Blvd.

### MUSIC

Summer Series: Raíces de Oregón, Latin, 5:30pm, Hult Ct. No cover (N/C).

Open Blues Jam w/ Dave Roberts, 6pm, Jimmy Mac's Overtime Bar & Grill, 770 S. Bertelsen Rd. N/C.

The Porch Band, folk, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

Inner Limits, blues, 7pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

Melody Baker, pop-rock-folk, 7pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette St. N/C.

Jeremiah Johnson, blues, 8pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$10.

Fulci, death metal, w/ Oxygen & Boltcutter, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. \$12-15.

Miss Prince, punk, w/ Year of the Fist, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

Funk Jam, 9:30pm, Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St. N/C.

### NIGHTLIFE

Bingo Thursdays!, 5pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, ColdFire Brewing Company, 263 Mill St. FREE.

Karaoke, 6pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, Slice Pizzeria, 325 Blair Blvd. FREE.

Cribbage Tournament, 6:30-8pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, Falling Sky Delicatessen, 790 Blair Blvd. More info at EugeneCribbage.com.

Trivia! w/ Sam Nussbaum, 6:30pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, Claim 52 Kitchen, 1203 Willamette St., ste. 140. FREE.

Quality Trivia w/ Brett Silval, 6:30-8:30pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, Viking Brewing Co., 520 Commercial St., unit F, FREE.

Small Batch Trivia from Geeks Who Drink, 7-9pm today & Aug. 31, Nelson's In The Whit, 400 Blair Blvd. FREE.

Trivia w/ Rob & Lorraine, 7pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, Swallowtail Spirits, 111 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

What Do You Know? Trivia, 7pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, The Highlands, 390 E. 40th Ave. & The Pedaler, 416 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

Crystal Harmony Karaoke, 7:30pm & Aug. 31, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. FREE.

What Do You Know? Trivia, 8pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, Doc's Pad, 710 Willamette St. & The Wild Goat, 1675 Franklin Blvd. FREE.

Karaoke, 9pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, The Monkey's Paw N/C.

Tiki Bar, 420 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

Lip SYNC Xtravaganza w/ Petra Etc, 9pm today & Thu., Aug. 31, Spectrum, 150 W. Broadway. FREE.

### ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM.

"Racism, Empire & Survival" w/ Jack Dresser, 7pm, KEPW, 97.3 FM & simulcast at KEPW.org.

### RECREATION

Yoga for beginners, 6:30pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

### THEATER

Oregon Culture Nights: Thursday Nights in August: Hula Dance w/ Kumu Hula Andrea Luchese, 6-7:30pm, Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave. FREE w/ gen. admission.

## FRIDAY

AUGUST 25

### ACTIVIST ALERT

Eugene Critical Mass Bike Ride, 6:30pm, meet at Kesey Square, Willamette St. & E. Broadway.

### ART/CRAFT

Last Friday Whiteaker Art Walk, 5:30-8pm. Location info at Whiteaker Art Walk Facebook.

Cottage Grove Art Walk, 6-8pm. Location info at DowntownCottageGrove.org.

Paint & Sip — Bacon Booty (Art w/ Alejandro), 7-9pm, 246 E. 5th Ave., ste. 22. \$45

### FILM

Eugene Environmental Film Festival Mini Fest, 6-8pm, Art House, 492 E. 13th Ave. Ticket info at EugeneEnvironmentalFilmFestival.org.

### GATHERINGS

Recovery Dharma Buddhist Meeting, 10-11:30am, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. FREE.

LGBTQ+ Youth Group, drop-in 4-6pm, Amazon Community Ctr., 2700 Hilyard St. FREE.

Breakfast at the Bike Bridges — Buck Street Bridge, 7-9:30am, Buck Street Bike Bridge. FREE.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Family Fun in the Sun: Oregon Rocks!, 10am-5pm today & Sat., Museum of Natural & Cultural History, 1680 E. 15th Ave. FREE w/ gen. admission.

Cirque Italia (Water Circus), 7:30pm today, 1:30, 4:30 & 7:30pm Sat. & Sun., 7:30pm Mon., Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave. Ticket info at SilverCirqueItalia.com.

### MARKETS

Market Fest, all day today, Sat. & Sun., 5th Street Public Market, 296 E. 5th Ave.

### MUSIC

Rebelution, reggae, w/ Iration, The Expendables, Passafire & DJ Mackle, 4:30pm, Cuthbert Amphitheater. \$48.50.

Storm Tipton, singer-songwriter, 5pm, Alesong Brewing & Blending, 80848 Territorial Hwy. N/C.

Concrete Delta Trio, jazz, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

### BENEFITS

Big Used Book Sale (benefit for River Road Santa Clara

Deep Zimbabwe Sounds, 6pm, Kesey Square, Willamette St. & E. Broadway. N/C.

Keith Greeninger, folk, 6pm, 70 E. Howard Ave. Ticket info at Mmeyer@efn.org. \$20.

Perfect Flavor, father-daughter duo, 6:30pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette St. N/C.

Tonewood Trio, jazz, 6:30pm, Jazzy Ladies Cafe & Club, 560 Oak St. N/C.

Anya Lecuyer & Friends, rock, 7pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette St. N/C.

Drive to Space, jam band, w/ Tiny Empire, 7pm, Whirled Pies, 199 W. 8th Ave. \$10.

Missed Connection, punk, w/ Face Transplant & Skeleton Boy, 7pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. \$5.

Breakfast Day, rock, 7:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

Takilma, rock, 7:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

Coupe de Ville, rock, 8pm, The Embers, 1811 State Hwy 99 N. N/C.

Molasses, neo soul, w/ Poikilo, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

Treasvre, synth-dark pop, Password Firebird, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. \$10.

### NIGHTLIFE

Laser Shows: Taylor Swift, 7pm, \$7.50, David Bowie, 8pm, \$7.50. Eugene Science Ctr., 2300 Leo Harris Pkwy. FREE.

Final Friday Bingo w/ Chad & Elliot, 7-9pm, Viking Braggot Co., 520 Commercial St., unit F. FREE.

Trivia, hosted by Brett, 7pm, The Barn Light, 924 Willamette St. FREE.

Dance Party, 8pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. FREE.

Momma Shelle's Freakers Ball, 8pm, The Spot, 535 Main St., Spfd. \$5-10.

DJ Meow Mixxx, 9pm, The Cooler Bar, 20 Centennial Lp. FREE.

Kinky Bingo, 9pm, The Spot, 535 Main St., Spfd. \$10.

Latinx Night, 9pm, Spectrum, 150 W. Broadway. \$5.

Church of the 80s, 9:15pm, Blairally, 245 Blair Blvd. \$4.

### RECREATION

Oregon 200-mile run, start & finish in Oakridge, today thru Aug. 29. Reg. at GoBeyondRacing.com.

### SOCIAL DANCE

Salsa & Bachata Night, 9pm, The Vets Club, 1626 Willamette St. \$8.

### TEENS

Game Time, 3pm, Eugene Public Library Sheldon Branch, 1566 Coburg Rd. FREE/.

## SATURDAY

AUGUST 26

### ARTS/CRAFTS

Glass beaded earrings class, 2-5pm, Applegate Art Guild & Gallery, 87230 Central Rd., studio 5, off Hwy 126 W. \$35.

Paint & Sip — Colorful Elephant (Art w/ Alejandro), 7-9pm, 246 E. 5th Ave., ste. 22. \$45.

### BENEFITS

International Reggae Vibes w/ Ras Indo, De Solution, Love Bomb & special guests, 4-9:45pm, Love Lake Venue, Love Lake Rd., Junction City. \$20.

Pink Martini ft. China Forbes, lounge-international, 5:30pm, Cuthbert Amphitheater. \$40-75.

Volunteer Library), 8am-2pm today & Sun., Irving Grange, 1011 Irvington Dr.

Yard Sale Fundraiser for Blue Cliff Zen Ctr., 9am-4pm today, 10am-2pm Sun., Front Yard, 3485 Mill St.

S.A.R.A.'s Parking Lot Sale, 10am-5pm, S.A.R.A.'s Treasures, 871 River Rd.

Market for Mutts (benefit for Northwest Dog Project), music by Cherry Hill, Bake Club & Holy Smokes, 2-10pm, Viking Braggot Co., 520 Commercial St., unit F. FREE.

### COMEDY

Bleepin' Funny Comedy, 5pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. FREE.

### DRAG

Drag Takeover hosted by Karess Ann Slaughter, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$10.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Lane County Farmers Market, 9am-3pm, Lane County Farmers Market, 85 E. 8th Ave.

Uriver Organics Farm Stand, 9am-6pm today, 10am-4pm Sun., Uriver Organics, 44382 McKenzie Hwy., Walterville.

South Valley Farmers Market, 10am-2pm, 7th & Main St., Cottage Grove.

Spencer Creek Growers Market, 10am-2pm, 86013 Lorane Hwy.

### GATHERINGS

Overeaters Anonymous, 9:30-10:30am, Unitarian Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. FREE.

Solidarity Share Fair (A Really Free Market!), noon-4pm, Monroe Park, 10th Ave. & Monroe St. FREE.

Talking politics Apple Pie Picnic, 12:30-2:30pm, Amazon Community Ctr., 2700 Hilyard St. FREE.

TransParent Support Group, 3:30-5pm. Email Info@Transponder. Community for link.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Breathwork & Sound, 10-11:30am, Creative Spirit Collaborative, 739 W. 5th Ave. \$20.

## calendar

Choro Na Cozinha, choro-Brazilian, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

RIFFLE, blues-R&B-rock, 6pm, Bennett Vineyards & Wine Co., 25974 OR-36, Cheshire. N/C.

The Traceys, Americana, 6pm, 16 Tons Cafe, 2864 Willamette St. N/C.

Missed Connection, EMO, w/ Face Transplant & Skeleton Boy, 7pm, 25574 Madison, 255 Madison St. \$5.

Mama's Broke, roots, 7:30pm, Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette St. Sold out.

Takilma, rock, 7:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

Queer singer-songwriter night, 7:30pm, Slice Pizzeria, 325 Blair Blvd. \$5.

Coupe de Ville, rock, 8pm, The Embers, 1811 State Hwy 99 N. N/C.

Judy Collins, folk, 8pm, Hult Ctr. \$58-68.

Gazelle(s), rock, w/ Glazier & A Collective Subconscious, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. \$10.

The Hip-Hop collective, 9pm, The Spot, 535 Main St., Spfd. \$5.

### NIGHTLIFE

Karaoke Night, 8pm, Doc's Pad, 710 Willamette St. FREE.

Karaoke w/ Darren Rupp, 9pm, The Voo, 162 S. 2nd St., Harrisburg, N/C.

Karaoke, 8:30pm, Slice Downtown, 910 Willamette St. FREE.

Dark Matter, dark EDM, 9pm, Old Nick's Pub, 211 Washington St. \$5.

### RECREATION

Kids & Kids Goat Yoga, 10-11am, No Regrets Flower Farm & Animal Sanctuary, 26641 Bellfountain Rd., Monroe. \$25 per person.

### SPIRITUAL

Meditation w/ River Wisdom Insight, 1-2:30pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. FREE.

### THEATER

Free Shakespeare in the Park Theatre Co. presents: *Much Ado About Nothing*, 6pm today & Sun., Amazon Community Ctr., 2700 Hilyard St. FREE.

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, 7:30pm today, 2pm Sun., Wildish Theater, 630 Main St., Spfd. \$15-20

## SUNDAY

AUGUST 27

### ARTS/CRAFTS

Noche de Arte en Español — Girasoles de Van Gogh (Art w/ Alejandro), 7-9pm, 246 E. 5th Ave., ste. 22. \$45

### COMEDY

Come On In! Comedy Open Mic, 9pm, The Barn Light Bar, 924 Willamette St. FREE.

### DRAG

Drag Brunch w/ Lyta Blunt, noon-2pm, Spectrum, 150 W. Broadway. FREE.

### GATHERINGS

Secret Society: Sideshow of Wonders (magician's brunch), noon, Old Nick's, 211 Washington St. \$13-15.

Willamette River Festival, 11am-5pm, Alton Baker Park. FREE. Participation in the Paddle Cross Challenge

is \$25 for adults, FREE for youth.

GirlCon: Parent-Daughter, noon-epm, 5pm, Lane County Farmers Market, 85 E. 8th Ave. \$10-25 sug. don. More info at Ophelia's Place.net.

Lane Democrats Chili Cook Off, noon-3pm, Alton Baker Park. \$10 sug. don.

Record listening party: Can's Future Days, 4pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

Deep Discussion Series, 6-7pm, Alluvium, 810 W. 3rd Ave. FREE.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Fun w/ Parachutes, 1pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Women's Self-Defense Class (ages 14+), 2-3pm, Art of War MMA, 164 W. Broadway. \$5-50, sliding scale.

### MARKETS

Whiteaker Community Market, 11am-4pm, Scobert Park, W. 4th Ave. & Blair Blvd.

Free Market, 1-3pm, 3rd & Monroe, 810 W. 3rd Ave.

### MUSIC

Geoffrey Mays, 4pm, WildCraft Cider Works, 232 Lincoln St. N/C.

Irish Jam, 4pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. N/C.

Lofty, jazz, 4pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

Rudolf Korp & the NW Feels, 4pm, Hop Valley Brewing Co., 990 W. 1st Ave. N/C.

Storm Tipton, singer-songwriter, 5pm, Alesong at Fifth St. Public Market, 248 E 5th Ave., #25. N/C.

Sunday Eastside Jam, 5pm signup, 6pm music, Twisted River Saloon, 1444 Main St., Spfd. N/C.

Golden Boy, pop rock, w/ LEGS, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

The Deep End, deep dubs-bass-D&B, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$5.

### NIGHTLIFE

Open Mic, 5-7pm, ColdFire Brewing Company, 263 Mill St. FREE.

Disco Dreams: Roller Disco & Dancing, 7-11pm, The Spot, 535 Main St., Spfd.

Sunday Open Stage, 7pm, 3rd & Monroe, 810 W 3rd Ave.

Crystal Harmony Karaoke, 8pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. FREE.

Karaoke w/ Kevbot, 9pm, Old Nick's, 211 Washington St. FREE.

The Vet's Club, 1626 Willamette St. \$5-10.

### SPIRITUAL

Who Am I? The Purpose of Life, 10am, Bahai Ctr., 1458 Alder St., parking behind. FREE.

Zen Meditation, 4:30-6pm, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr., 352 W. 12th Ave. FREE.

## MONDAY

AUGUST 28

### COMEDY

Open Mic, 6pm, Slice Pizzeria, 325 Blair Blvd. FREE.

### GATHERINGS

Eugene Frontrunners: A run/walk club for LGBTQIA+ folk & friends, 6pm, Amazon (Reexus) Trail Lp., 24th Ave. & Amazon Pkwy. FREE.

Integration Meetings, 7pm, 8:15pm breath work, Alton Baker Park, shelter 2. FREE-\$50, sliding scale.

Refuge Recovery Buddha Eye meeting, 7-8:30pm, Buddha Eye Temple, 2190 Garfield St. FREE.

### LECTURES/CLASSES

Expression Through Art, drop-in 4:30-5:30pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave., Bldg B. \$5-15, sliding scale.

### MUSIC

Bongzilla, stoner metal, w/ Kadabra & Creep Creep Janga, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. \$20-25.

Illuminati Congo, hip hop-reggae, w/ Torin Frost, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$5.

### NIGHTLIFE

Bingo, 6-8pm, Gryff's Pub, 720 S. A St., Spfd. FREE.

Cribbage, 6:30pm, ColdFire Brewing, 263 Mill St. 4-game tournament, \$3 buy-in. Info at EugeneCribbage.com.

Open mic, 6:30pm, Houndstooth Public House, 1795 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

Trivia Mondays, 6:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. FREE.

What Do You Know? Trivia, 8pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. FREE.

Trivia Night w/ FWD Trivia, 7:30pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette St. FREE.

Bingo, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. FREE.

### RECREATION

Teen Trauma-Informed Yoga, 4:30-6pm, Owen Rose Garden, 300 N. Jefferson St. \$20.

## TUESDAY

AUGUST 29

### ARTS/CRAFTS

Artistic Encounters, Tue., Wed. & Thu. thru Sept. 28, noon-1pm, Kesey Square, Willamette St. & E. Broadway. FREE.

Weekly Figure Art Sessions, 6-9pm, 3rd & Monroe, 810 W. 3rd Ave. \$8 drop-in.

### CIVICS

Lane County Board of Commissioners, 9am, Harris Hall, 125 E. 8th Ave.

### FARMERS MARKETS

Tuesday Farmers Market, 10am-3pm, Farmers Market Pavilion & Plaza, 85 E. 8th Ave.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Tweens: Best of Summer, 2pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

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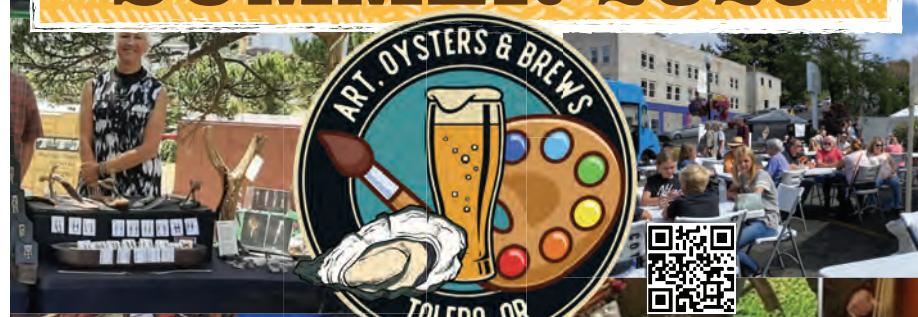
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9 a.m. until Noon on Main Street**

## calendar

Learn to Ride Community Event, 4:30-6:30pm, 4J Education Ctr., 200 N. Monroe St. FREE.

### LITERARY ARTS

Releasing w/ Writing, 11:30am-12:30pm, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E 19th Ave., Bldg. B. \$5-15, sliding scale.

TransPonder Book Club, 5-6pm. Email Info@ Transponder.Community for link.

### MUSIC

Rich Fisher, rock, 6:30pm, Happy Hours, 645 River Rd. N/C.

Roosters Blues Jam, 6:30pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette St. N/C.

Bluegrass Jam, 8:30pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. N/C.

### NIGHTLIFE

Chess Club, 6-8:30pm, The Bier Stein, 1591 Willamette St. N/C.

Karaoke, 6pm, Slice Pizzeria, 325 Blair Blvd. FREE.

Trivia Night, 6:30pm, Sunriver Brewing Co., Oakaway Pub, 329 Oakaway Rd. FREE.

Geeks Who Drink Trivia!, 7pm, Old Nick's Pub, 211 Washington St. FREE.

Trivia Tuesdays, 7-9pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

### RECREATION

Gentle and Restorative Yoga, 10-11am, Trauma Healing Project, 631 E. 19th Ave., Bldg. B. FREE.

Nia Moving to Heal, 5-6pm. Reg. at HealingAttention. org.

Sound Meditation, 7-8pm, Eugene Yoga South, 3575 Donald St., #180. \$25-67.50.

### SOCIAL DANCE

Salsa Dancing, 7-10pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$5.

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

Eugene Emeralds vs Tri-City Dust Devils, 6:35pm, PK Park. Tickets at MiLB. com.

### TEENS

Youth Discover Project, 4-6pm, Parker Learning Gardens, 31241 Lanes Turn Rd. \$20.

## WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 30

### ARTS/CRAFTS

Paint & Sip — Lavender Field (Art w/ Alejandro),



6:30-8:30pm, 246 E. 5th Ave., ste. 22. \$45

### COMEDY

Jamie Shriner & Friends, 8pm, Slice Pizzeria & Bar, 325 Blair Blvd. \$10.

### GATHERINGS

Recovery Dharma Buddhist Recovery Meeting, 5:30-7pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W. 13th Ave. FREE.

We/Us/Ours, trans & gender diverse social hour, 6-8pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. FREE.

### KIDS/FAMILY

Children's Garden Club (ages 5-11), 4-6pm, Parker Learning Gardens, 31241 Lanes Turn Rd. \$20.

Walk It Off with the Y — Closing Celebration, 5:30-6:30pm, Alton Baker Park. FREE.

### LITERARY ARTS

August Reading Like a Writer: Cai Emmons Memorial Book Club, 6-8pm, Wordcrafters, 438 Charnelton St., ste. 102. FREE.

### MUSIC

Open Blues Jam w/ Dave Roberts, 6pm, The Cooler Bar, 20 Centennial Lp. N/C.

RIFFLE, blues-R&B-rock, 6pm, Norma Pfeiffer Park, Coburg. N/C.

Ed Kopp, blues-classic rock, 7pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. N/C.

My Favorite Band, old time favorites, 7pm, Mac's

"Well, I know, I miss more than hit / With a face that was launched to sink." And so begins the soulful ballad "The Worst Day Since Yesterday" by the Celtic punk band **Flogging Molly**, an anthem to sway to for anyone who has had a day from hell and might be nursing a pint. Flogging Molly has had more hits than misses since being formed in 1995 in Los Angeles. The seven-member band, with Irish vocalist Dave King front and center, takes the stage August 30 at McDonald Theatre to perform its mix of Irish melodies and instrumental work with the frantic tempos of punk. "Drunken Lullabies" and "Float" are just two of the band's many hits, yet it's "The Worst Day Since Yesterday," from the group's 2000 debut album *Swagger*, that can bring a smile to the luckless. Think accordion and acoustic guitar at the start ("Fallin' down to you, sweet ground / Where the flowers they bloom"), the song has an almost hopeful toe-tapping quality to it by the end ("Hell says hello, well, it's time I should go / To pastures green, that I've yet to see"). By the end of the song, you just might feel better.

*Flogging Molly, with support from The Bronx and Vandoliers, performs 8 pm Wednesday, August 30, at McDonald Theatre, 1010 Willamette Street. Tickets are \$45. — Dan Buckwalter*

Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette St. N/C.

Musical Duo Mambira & McLaughlin, 7pm, Thinking Tree Spirits, 88 Jackson St. N/C.

Flogging Molly, Celtic punk, 8pm, McDonald Theatre, 1010 Willamette St. \$45.

Fantastic Flying Foelschs, metal, w/ Open Head & CIA Mind Control, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

Trivia w/ Rob & Lorraine, 6pm, Hop Valley Brewing Co., 990 W. 1st Ave. FREE.

Bingo Wednesdays w/ Ty Connor, 7-8:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

### NIGHTLIFE

What Do You Know? Trivia, 5pm, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

FWD Trivia, 6pm, Falling Sky Delicatessen, 790 Blair Blvd. FREE.

Trivia w/ Rob & Lorraine, 6pm, Hop Valley Brewing Co., 990 W. 1st Ave. FREE.

Bingo Wednesdays w/ Ty Connor, 7-8:30pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

Open Mic, 7-8pm, The Kind Hop, 2023 River Rd. FREE.

Trivia night w/ Brett, 7pm, Drop Bear Brewery, 2690 Willamette St. FREE.

What Do You Know? Trivia, 7pm, The Barger Grill, 4261 Barger Dr., & Side Bar, 1680 Coburg Rd. FREE.

Open Mic, 8:30pm, Mulligan's Pub, 2841 Willamette St. FREE.

Karaoke, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. FREE.

Karaoke, 9pm, The Webfoot, 839 E. 13th Ave. FREE.

Karaoke w/ Lyta Blunt, 9pm, Spectrum, 150 W. Broadway. FREE.

### OUTDOORS

Contemplative Guided Kayak Journey, 5:30-8:30pm, Alton Baker Canoe Canal (North Parking Lot). \$50.

### RECREATION

Queer Youth Yoga (8-12), 4pm, Willamette High School, 1801 Echo Hollow Rd. FREE.

Vinyasa Flow Yoga w/ Fox, 5-6pm, The Hybrid, W. 3rd Ave. Don.

Gender Diverse Yoga (13+), 6-7pm, Sheldon Community Ctr., 2445 Willakenzie Rd. FREE.

### SPECTATOR SPORTS

Eugene Emeralds vs Tri-City Dust Devils, 6:35pm, PK Park. Tickets at MiLB. com.

### TEENS

Animanga Club, 2pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

## THURSDAY

AUGUST 31

### ARTS/CRAFTS

Holiday felted soap workshop, 2-3pm, Scobert Park, 4th Ave. & Blair Blvd. \$10.

Paint & Sip — Starry Night Campfire (Art w/ Alejandro), 7-9pm, 246 E. 5th Ave., ste. 22. \$45

### LECTURES/CLASSES

"Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley" w/ Dr. David Lewis, Grande Ronde Tribe, 5:30pm, Wildish Theater, 630 Main St., Spfd. FREE.

"You Don't Have to Experience Climate Anxiety Alone!" w/ Climate Cafe, 6:30-8pm, Unitarian Universalist Church, 1685 W 13th Ave. FREE.

### MUSIC

Summer Series: Jessica Fichot, singer-songwriter, 5:30pm, Hult Ctr. N/C.

Jazz Symbiosis, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards & Wine Co., 907 W. 3rd Ave. N/C.

Open Blues Jam w/ Dave Roberts, 6pm, Jimmy Mac's Overtime Bar & Grill, 770 S. Bertelsen Rd. N/C.

Justin Howl, blues-roots, 7pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. N/C.

Noah Cyrus: singer-songwriter, 7pm, McDonald Theatre, 1010 Willamette St. \$29.50.

Crimson Riot, rock, w/ Rad Ranger & 2106, 9pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. \$5.

Glassing, metal, w/ Senza & Youth Pastor, 9pm, John Henry's, 881 Willamette St. \$12.

Reggae Shock Out, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. N/C.

Funk Jam!, 9:30pm, Luckey's Club, 933 Olive St. N/C.

### NIGHTLIFE

Murder Mystery Night (Cowboys & Outlaws), 6pm, 255 Madison, 255 Madison St. \$45 for one ticket, \$80 for two.

Schitt's Creek themed trivia w/ Geo, 6:30-8:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St., Spfd. FREE.

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# Farewell(s) Gazelle(s)

CATCH EUGENE POST-ROCK BAND **GAZELLE(S)** ONE LAST TIME AT JOHN HENRY'S AS ITS FRONTMAN PACKS HIS BAGS FOR BALTIMORE

By Will Kennedy

Preparing to say goodbye to their lead guitarist Tim Smith, long-running Eugene post-rock band Gazelle(s) play their final show in Eugene Saturday, August 26, at John Henry's, part of a short Northwest tour that will take the band to Portland and Seattle.

But before Smith leaves for the East Coast to be closer to family, Gazelle(s) will enter the studio one final time to record their third full-length album at Modest Mouse frontman Isaac Brock's Portland recording studio, Ice Cream Party.

Post-rock incorporates typical rock band instrumentation into longer song structures that are most often instrumental, emphasizing extreme dynamic range and negative space. On their as-yet untitled final release, Gazelle(s) also explore dance-oriented grooves, with the heaviness and meditative contemplation expected from the genre.

In the band, Gazelle(s) violin player Michelle Whitlock fills the role of melody, like a singer, and the current rhythm section consists of Neal Williams on bass and Matt Kaplowitz on drums.

According to Smith, "Neal said in practice one time, 'I want to play as few notes as possible,'" as opposed to the musical complexity that can typify post-rock music. "That gave us this idea to practice more restraint in our songwriting, and sort of sit down on grooves, instead."

The band's release, tentatively out by the end of the year, will also be recorded live in the studio, with few overdubs and little tracking. That's a change of pace for the group, the band tells *Eugene Weekly*.

"We're trying to knock this out in one day," Smith explains. "It'll be a style of recording I don't think I've done since college. I'm excited to not have to feel the pressure of being so polished."

"It'll be a little bit rawer," drummer Kaplowitz says, more like how Gazelle(s) sound performing live. Violinist Whitlock adds, "The energy we have when we play together, you're going to be able to hear that."

As for bassist Williams, he is excited to work in a space associated with Modest Mouse lead singer Brock. "In the late '90s, Modest Mouse funneled me into more obscure music. That's exciting for me," he says. The recording will be engineered by Brandon Eggleston, whom Gazelle(s) have worked with in the past. Referring to Eggleston, Smith says, "He trusts us to really use the space well."

With their guitarist leaving Eugene for Baltimore to be closer to family, Gazelle(s) are done for now, although Smith says he may try and plan a few East Coast dates for the group. As for the remaining three members, they'll likely play music together — but the future's uncertain, they say.

"Tim is such a unique guitar player," Williams says. "We're not going to try and fill that void and continue on as we have in the past." And if the new project ends up something similar to Gazelle(s), he adds, "We want to honor the uniqueness someone else brings. But yeah, we want to keep playing together, and we're going to miss the hell out of Tim."

Along with Portland's Collective Subconscious and Eugene's Glazier, Gazelle(s) perform 9 pm Saturday, August 26, at John Henry's; \$10, 21-plus.



# FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

**ARIES** (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): None of the books I've written has appeared on *The New York Times* best-seller list. Even if my future books do well, I will never catch up with Aries writer James Patterson, who has had 260 books on the prestigious list. My sales will never rival his, either. He has earned over \$800 million from the 425 million copies his readers have bought. While I don't expect you Rams to ever boost your income to Patterson's level, either, I suspect the next nine months will bring you unprecedented opportunities to improve your financial situation. For best results, edge your way toward doing more of what you love to do.

**TAURUS** (APRIL 20-MAY 20): Addressing a lover, D. H. Lawrence said that "having you near me" meant that he would "never cease to be filled with newness." That is a sensational compliment! I wish all of us could have such an influence in our lives: a prod that helps arouse endless novelty. Here's the good news, Taurus: I suspect you may soon be blessed with a lively source of such stimulation, at least temporarily. Are you ready and eager to welcome an influx of freshness?

**GEMINI** (MAY 21-JUNE 20): Humans have been drinking beer for at least 13,000 years and eating bread for 14,500. We've enjoyed cheese for 7,500 years and popcorn for 6,500. Chances are good that at least some of these four are comfort foods for you. In the coming weeks, I suggest you get an ample share of them or any other delicious nourishments that make you feel well-grounded and deep-rooted. You need to give extra care to stabilizing your foundations. You have a mandate to cultivate security, stability, and constancy. Here's your homework: Identify three things you can do to make you feel utterly at home in the world.

**CANCER** (JUNE 21-JULY 22): On Instagram, I posted a favorite quote from poet Muriel Rukeyser: "The world is made of stories, not atoms." I added my own thought: "You are made of stories, too." A reader didn't like this meme. He said it was "a nightmare for us anti-social people." I asked him why. He said, "Because stories only happen in a social setting. To tell or hear a story is to be in a social interaction. If you're not inclined towards such activities, it's oppressive." Here's how I replied: "That's not true for me. Many of my stories happen while I'm alone with my inner world. My nightly dreams are some of my favorite stories." Anyway, Cancerian, I'm offering this exchange to you now because you are in a story-rich phase of your life. The tales coming your way, whether they occur in social settings or in the privacy of your own fantasies, will be extra interesting, educational and motivational. Gather them in with gusto! Celebrate them!

**LEO** (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Author A. Conan Doyle said, "It has long been my axiom that the little things are infinitely the most important." Spiritual teacher John Zabat-Zinn muses, "The little things? The little moments? They aren't little." Here's author Robert Brault's advice: "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things." Ancient Chinese sage Lao-Tzu provides a further nuance: "To know you have enough is to be rich." Let's add one more clue, from author Alice Walker: "I try to teach my heart to want nothing it can't have."

**VIRGO** (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): "I don't believe that in order to be interesting or meaningful, a relationship has to work out — in fiction or in real life." So says Virgo novelist Elizabeth Curtis Sittenfeld, and I agree. Just because a romantic bond didn't last forever doesn't mean it was a waste of energy. An intimate connection you once enjoyed but then broke off might have taught you lessons that are crucial to your destiny. In accordance with astrological omens, I invite you to acknowledge and celebrate these past experiences of togetherness. Interpret them not as failures but as gifts.

**LIBRA** (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): The amount of rubbish produced by the modern world is staggering: over 2 billion tons per year. To get a sense of how much that is, imagine a convoy of fully loaded garbage trucks circling the earth 24 times. You and I can diminish our contributions to this mess, though we must overcome the temptation to think our personal efforts will be futile. Can we really help save the world by buying secondhand goods, shopping at farmer's markets, and curbing our use of paper? Maybe a little. And here's the bonus: We enhance our mental health by reducing the waste we engender. Doing so gives us a more graceful and congenial relationship with life. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to meditate and act on this beautiful truth.

**SCORPIO** (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): I hope that in the coming weeks, you will wash more dishes, do more laundry, and scrub more floors than you ever have before. Clean the bathrooms with extra fervor, too. Scour the oven and refrigerator. Make your bed with extreme precision. Got all that, Scorpio? JUST KIDDING! Everything I just said was a lie. Now here's my authentic message: Avoid grunt work. Be as loose and playful and spontaneous as you have ever been. Seek record-breaking levels of fun and amusement. Experiment with the high arts of brilliant joy and profound pleasure.

**SAGITTARIUS** (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): Dear Sagittarius the Archer: To be successful in the coming weeks, you don't have to hit the exact center of the bull's-eye every time — or even anytime. Merely shooting your arrows so they land somewhere inside the fourth or third concentric rings will be a very positive development. Same is true if you are engaged in a situation with metaphorical resemblances to a game of horseshoes. Even if you don't throw any ringers at all, just getting close could be enough to win the match. This is one time in your life when perfection isn't necessary to win.

**CAPRICORN** (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): I suspect you are about to escape the stuffy labyrinth. There may be a short adjustment period, but soon you will be running half-wild in a liberated zone where you won't have to dilute and censor yourself. I am not implying that your exile in the enclosed space was purely oppressive. Not at all. You learned some cool magic in there, and it will serve you well in your expansive new setting. Here's your homework assignment: Identify three ways you will take advantage of your additional freedom.

**AQUARIUS** (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Though my mother is a practical, sensible person with few mystical propensities, she sometimes talks about a supernatural vision she had. Her mother, my grandmother, had been disabled by a massive stroke. It left her barely able to do more than laugh and move her left arm. But months later, on the morning after grandma died, her spirit showed up in a pink ballerina dress doing ecstatic pirouettes next to my mother's bed. My mom saw it as a communication about how joyful she was to be free of her wounded body. I mention this gift of grace because I suspect you will have at least one comparable experience in the coming weeks. Be alert for messages from your departed ancestors.

**PISCES** (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): "Those who know the truth are not equal to those who love it," said the ancient Chinese sage Confucius. Amen! Seeking to understand reality with cold, unfeeling rationality is at best boring and at worst destructive. I go so far as to say that it's impossible to deeply comprehend anything or anyone unless we love them. Really! I'm not exaggerating or being poetic. In my philosophy, our quest to be awake and see truly requires us to summon an abundance of affectionate attention. I nominate you to be the champion practitioner of this approach to intelligence, Pisces. It's your birthright! And I hope you turn it up full blast in the coming weeks.

*Homework: Cross two relatively trivial wishes off your list so you can focus more on major wishes. Newsletter: [FreeWillAstrology.com](http://FreeWillAstrology.com).*

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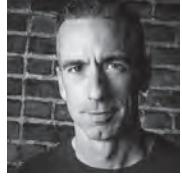
Laurick, P.C., was appointed Successor Trustee, by instrument dated on or about May 17, 2023, to be recorded in the Lane County Oregon Records under the subject Deed of Trust that covers the following described real property situated in the above-mentioned county and state, to wit: THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF Lane, STATE OF OR, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: Parcel 1: All of Lot 5, in Block 4, and also beginning at a point on the North line of Lot 4, in Block 4, PACKARD'S ADDITION TO EUGENE, as platted and recorded in Book H, Page 282, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, 64 feet West from the Northeast corner of said Lot; running thence West on line of said Lot to the Northwest corner of said Lot; thence South on West line of said Lot to the Southwest corner of said Lot; thence East on South line of said Lot to a point 64 feet West from the Southeast corner of said Lot; thence North parallel with the East line of said Lot to the place of beginning in Lane County, Oregon. EXCEPT the North 5 feet as more particularly described in deed to State of Oregon, by and through its Department of Transportation, Highway Division, recorded March 15, 1985, Reception No. 8509251, Lane County Official Records, in Lane County, Oregon. Parcel 2: Lots 3 and 4, Block 34, COLLEGE HILL PARK, as platted and recorded in Book 25, Pages 304 and 305, Lane County Oregon Plat Records, in Lane County, Oregon. Property Address: 388 W 6th Ave, Apts 1 and 2, Eugene, OR 97401 (parcel 1) and 2430 Lawrence St, Eugene, OR 97405 (parcel 2). The undersigned hereby certifies that he is unaware of any assignments of the trust deed by the trustee or by the beneficiary and no appointments of a successor trustee have been made, except as recorded in the Records of the county or counties in which the above-described real property is situated. Further, no action has been instituted to recover the debt, or any part thereof, now remaining secured by the trust deed, or, if such action has been instituted, such action has been dismissed except as permitted by ORS 86.735(7). There is a default by grantor or other person owing an obligation, performance of which is secured by the trust deed, or by the successor-in-interest, with respect to provisions therein which authorize sale in the event of default of such provision. The

default for which the foreclosure is made is grantor's failure, among other things, to pay when due the following sums as of April 22, 2023: Interest Dec 2022 - April 2023 Monthly \$20,100.75 Collection Fees Dec 2022 - April 2023 @ \$15.00 75.00 Late Fee Dec 2022-April 2023 @ \$402.00 2,010.00 Default Interest - 12/22/20-4/22/2023 @ 5% 8,062.33 Prior Collection Fee Overage (4.17) Prior Late Fees Overage (395.04) Prior Default Interest 2,181.22 CURE Fee 100.00 Special Handling Fees 300.00 Attorney Fees (accruing) State Farm Insurance 521.59 Trustee's Sale Guarantee 1,031.00 By reason of the default, the beneficiary has declared all sums owing on the obligation secured by the trust deed immediately due and payable, those sums being the following as of April 22, 2023 \$482,418.50 Interest Dec 2022 - April 2023 Monthly Interest @10% per annum or \$4,020.15 20,100.75 Collection Fees Dec 2022 - April 2023 @ \$15.00 75.00 Late Fee Dec 2022-April 2023 @ \$402.00 2,010.00 Default Interest - 12/22/20-4/22/2023 @ 5% 8,062.33 Prior Collection Fee Overage (4.17) Prior Late Fees Overage (395.04) Prior Default Interest 2,181.22 CURE Fee 100.00 Special Handling Fees 300.00 Attorney Fees (accruing) State Farm Insurance 521.59 Trustee's Sale Guarantee 1,031.00 Interest continues to accrue at the stated base rate, plus default rate, on the principal balance from default until paid in full. WHEREFORE, notice is hereby given that the undersigned trustee will on October 27, 2023, at the hour of 1:00 p.m., in accord with the standard of time established by ORS 187.10, at the front of the main entrance of the at the front of the Lane County Courthouse, 125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97401 sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the interest in the real property described above which the grantor has or had power to convey at the time of the execution by grantor of the trust deed together with any interest which the grantor's or grantor's successors in interest acquired after the execution of the trust deed, to satisfy the foregoing obligations thereby secured and the costs and expenses of the sale, including a reasonable charge by the trustee. Notice is further given that any person named in ORS 86.753 has the right, at any time prior to five days before the date last set for the sale, to have this foreclosure proceeding

dismissed by payment of the entire amount then due and by paying all costs and expenses actually incurred in enforcing the obligation and trust deed, together with trustee and attorney fees not exceeding the amounts provided by ORS 86.753. If you filed bankruptcy, this notice is not an attempt to collect a debt, but instead allows this creditor and beneficiary to enforce its lien. If you were an obligor on this account prior to the filing of a bankruptcy and this creditor has received an order granting relief from the automatic stay or you have received a discharge or surrendered the property in full satisfaction of the debt, this creditor is exercising its rights under the security agreement as allowed by law. This creditor is not attempting to collect or recover the debt as your personal liability. By providing you this notice, this creditor is complying with federal and statutory notice requirements. If the amount requested is not received by the stated date, this creditor may exercise its right to enforce its lien. NOTICE UNDER THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT 15 U.S.C. '16921) The amount of the debt is stated in the Trustee's Notice of Sale. 2) The beneficiary as named in the attached Trustee's Notice of Sale is the original creditor to whom the debt was owed; if the debt has been assigned, the Trustee's Notice of Sale will name the current holder of the beneficial interest. 3) The debt described herein will be assumed to be valid by the Trustee unless the debtor, within thirty (30) days after the receipt of this notice, disputes the validity of the debt or some portion thereof. 4) If the debtor notifies the Trustee in writing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this notice that the debt or any portion thereof is disputed, the Trustee will provide a verification of the debt, and a copy of the verification will be mailed to the debtor by the Trustee. 5) If the creditor named as beneficiary in the attached Trustee's Notice of Sale is not the original creditor, and if the debtor makes a written request to the Trustee within thirty (30) days from the receipt of this notice, the name and address of the original creditor will be mailed to the debtor by the trustee. 6) Written request should be addressed to James P. Laurick, at Kilmer, Voorhees & Laurick, P.C., 2701 NW Vaughn Street, Suite 780, Portland, OR 97210.

# SAVAGE LOVE

BY DAN SAVAGE



Dear Readers: I'm off this week, so please enjoy this evergreen column from February 2011. If you're wondering whether I've gotten any nicer over the past 12 years, this column is proof that I've gotten nicer. Way nicer. Enjoy! — Dan

I've written before, but I didn't hear back from you—probably because my email didn't contain flogging or santorum or whatever. But I won't be IGNORED, Dan. My question: I'm a 32-year-old female. Second marriage, two kids: one kid with my ex and one with the man I cheated on my ex with (my current husband). My problem: A year ago, I found my "first love" on a social network. I'd been looking for him off and on for more than 16 years. This person was a jerk who left me for one of my friends back in high school. But he was and still is the love of my life. Always has been. Always will be. He is not married, has never been married, and has no children. We began an affair about seven months after finding each other. My marriage, my second marriage, had been rocky before this. My second husband, of three years, stopped having sex with me after I became pregnant, and this continued after our child was born. We tried counseling. It didn't help. In no way am I using this as an excuse. I know what I've done is wrong. But I also have a pretty bad track record and have cheated on every man I've ever been with, except for my first love.

This man, my first love, is the worst person in the world for me. Yet I'm in love with him. I have ALWAYS been in love with him. He wants me to leave my white-collar husband for him, a very blue-collar guy. I live in a nice home in the suburbs; my first love lives in a small apartment in the city. Five months after we began having sex with each other, my current husband found out. Instead of leaving me, he has turned into a different man: extremely loving and attentive. He says this experience has made him realize how much he loves me and that he doesn't want to lose me.

My other problem: I didn't begin this affair to get my second husband's attention. I began it because I'm in love with my first love and always have been. My husband knows of my deep feelings for my "first." I mention divorce often, but it falls on deaf ears. I want to do what is best for my kids—and that would be staying right where I am. But I feel my only chance for "true" love, if there is such a thing, is passing me by. I've never felt for anyone as I do for this man. Every man who has come into my life AFTER him knew about him and knew that if he ever came back for me, I was gone. This includes my current husband, Dan, pull out all the stops on this one, as you famously do, and please tell me what to do.

— Serial Cheater In Love

I've read what you've written before, SCIL, but I didn't respond because I didn't have much to say to you and I still don't. I had the same reaction reading your email today that I had reading all the other emails you've sent. My reaction is a little selfish, and I'm a little embarrassed to share it with you. But you keep asking, SCIL, and so here it is:

THIS BITCH CAN GET LEGALLY MARRIED AND I CAN'T?!?

Sorry, sorry, sorry. That was crunk of me — nowhere near the level of compassionate professionalism that people expect of me — and so now I'm going to have to make amends by scrounging up some of that advice shit you're after. But I'm going to offer you my advice on one condition: You don't write to me ever again.

OK!

You say you've cheated on every man you've ever been with, with the exception of your "first love," SCIL, and you regard that as a sign your first love was your true love. But I see signs of circular reasoning/magical thinking — you've concluded that he must be the love of your life because you didn't cheat on him, and you didn't cheat on him because he's the love of your life. No. You didn't cheat on him, SCIL, because you didn't get around to it. You two broke up when you were 15 years old. If you'd been with him a little longer — another week, maybe two — you would've cheated on him like you've cheated on everybody else.

If you leave your current husband and break up your first child's second home and your second child's first home and go back to your first love, SCIL, it won't be long before you get around to cheating on the love of your life, too. Because you're a cheater. You're a habitual, serial cheater. You're precisely the kind of person who shouldn't make monogamous commitments. Or get married. Or have children.

So, what should you do? Stay? Go? Frankly, SCIL, I don't give a fuck. Stay or go, it's not going to make a fuck of a lot of difference. Your personal life is a mess, SCIL, and it always will be. Because, you see, wherever you go, there you are.

That said: If your current husband doesn't mind being cheated on, if he can put up with your affairs and wants to put your children first, then I think you should stay with him for the sake of your kids. They deserve whatever stability and continuity you can scrounge up for them between infidelities.

Again, if you leave your current husband for the love of your life, SCIL, it won't be long before you're cheating on your third husband and preparing to uproot your kids a third/second time. I know it, you know it, everyone out there reading this knows it, even your current husband seems to know it.

So just stay put, OK?

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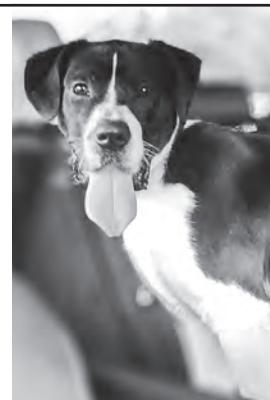
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